

Dear Colleague,

You may have heard of this program, but New York Sea Grant is working with Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania Sea Grant to put together the Lake Erie section of the Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute. The GLFLI (see complete description below) will help to train future leaders. In New York, GLFLI participants will be asked to attend two evening meetings (September) and one weekend (Friday evening and Saturday) workshop in Erie, PA. They will also be expected to attend a spring follow-up meeting. NYSG will cover the cost of all food, materials and provide a small travel stipend. The participants will be asked to pay for their own lodging on Friday, October 3, 2003.

You are a respected leader and promoter of GL fisheries, so I am requesting your assistance. Please email me names and addresses of any people you think I should contact about participating in the Lake Erie section of GLFLI. An advisory board will then help to make selections of the 8-10 New York participants.

Please send me the names/addresses/phone numbers in a timely fashion, so letters of interest can be mailed along with application materials.

Please read through the information below and feel free to call me with any questions you may have concerning the program.

Thank you!

Helen

## ***Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute***

The Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute (GLFLI) is designed to provide in-depth training to the 'next generation' of leaders. GLFLI's goal is to provide the next generation of fisheries leaders for the Great Lakes region with the skills which they will need to effectively interact with fisheries management agencies and provide real leadership to the region as well as to their organizations. Over the course of the Institute, participants will learn (1) the biological basis for fish production, (2) the effects of aquatic nuisance species, (3) the basic science of fish habitat, (4) the basics of how toxic chemical contaminants affect the fishery as well as public safety, (5) the ecological, economic, political, and socio-cultural environment within which Great Lakes fishery management operates, (6) to understand Great Lakes institutional arrangements and funding authorities, (7) the need for enhancing public participation in Great Lakes fisheries, and (8) basic leadership skills.

GLFLI takes the broadest possible view of fisheries issues - participants will be selected to represent a variety of fisheries stakeholders - commercial fishermen, charter captains, tribes, sportfishing associations, visitor bureaus, environmental NGOs, science writers, legislators, legislative aides, etc.

Committed participants are the cornerstone of the Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute process. In addition to attending all GLFLI sessions and paying lodging for one workshop night, participants are required to commit to a 'service project' which will make use of the skills which they have attained. Participants retain flexibility to design individual service projects (with the assistance of GLFLI staff) which make maximum use of their skills and provide maximum benefit to their local communities.